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- 3.) Printout of PAIR inquiry (2 pages).

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## STATUS INQUIRY

### Petition to Make Special

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Date: May 12, 2004  
In re application of: Robert Wheeler  
Application No.: 10/707,590  
Filed: December 23, 2003  
For: Self-Generating Air Cushion Vessel  
Group No.: 3617  
Examiner: Wright, Andrew D.  
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2. Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) indicates that no decision on the petition has been issued as of this date (a copy of PAIR printout is enclosed).
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